

the Examiner was working from the erroneous PCT drawing, as attached. Hence, the corrected replacement sheet was submitted in the April 7, 2010 Reply.

(Recourse to the published U.S. application shows, however, that the mistake had been previously corrected.)

By phone conversation of June 21, 2010, Applicant learned to the contrary. The Examiner stated that the intended import of the January 12, 2010 objection to the drawing was not the PCT error but that the drawing did not show that the low flow dry chemical discharge tip LFT discharged "approximately toward the middle of the interior of the tank."

Now, understanding the basis for the objection, Applicant respectfully submits that the existing drawing (as contained in the published U.S. application and as indicated in the replacement sheet attached to the April 7, 2010 Reply) does adequately indicate the low flow tip LFT "discharging approximately toward the middle of the tank." No new matter should be added to the drawing, and none is necessary.

The Brief Description of the Drawings recites that Figures 6 and 7 "illustrate details of" the fixed foam and dry chemical system of Figure 5. Figure 5 illustrates a tank with a fixed roof having an indicated fixed foam system and fixed dry chemical system.

One of ordinary skill, augmenting Figures 6 and 7 with Figure 5, understands that Figures 6 and 7 are a close up side view and top view (with a portion of the tank wall shown in cross section) of the fixed foam and dry chemical system of Figure 5. Figures 6 and 7 illustrate how the fixed foam and dry chemical system is attached to and through the wall of tank T and the direction of discharge of the high flow tip and low flow tip. One of ordinary skill understands from Figures 6 and 7 that low flow tip LFT is in fact aimed to discharge approximately toward the middle of tank T. Paragraphs 0032 and 0033 of the specification, discussing these figures, also clearly indicate that the low flow tip LFT discharges approximately toward the middle of the tank.

Applicant submits that the above argument in regard to the drawing is fully responsive to the objection, per se, even were the Examiner to fail to agree with what the Figures show to one of ordinary skill.

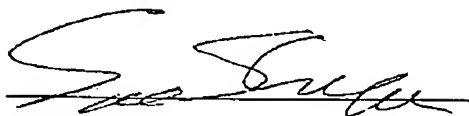
Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Sue Z. Shaper, Applicants' Attorney at 713 550 5710 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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